

2010 GALLATIN COUNTY FAIR RULES

The Gallatin County Fair Board reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, connected with or incidental to the Fair; also to amend or add to these rules as may seem advisable to the Fair Board.

A. GENERAL RULES

1. **SOLICITING OUTSIDE OF ASSIGNED SPACE:** Walk around solicitation is allowed only by those individuals or groups who have rented commercial exhibit space and may be done provided no soliciting is conducted in or near exhibits of like or similar products or no pedestrian congestion is caused in the aisles. Violation of this rule may cause exhibit to be closed and forfeiture of all fees paid. Should the seller not be a Commercial Exhibitor he/she will be charged the fee for a commercial exhibit space.
2. **ENTRY TRANSFERS:** Superintendents of the department may transfer exhibits erroneously entered into the proper class prior to judging.
3. **JUDGES' DECISION FINAL:** The judge's decision shall be final in all classes except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion may not be discovered and/or proven at the time of judging. In such cases the Fair Management will make the decision.
4. **OVERNIGHT CAMPING:** There are a limited number of designated camping spaces. These are reserved on a "first come – first serve" basis. Exhibitors camping overnight on the Fairgrounds will be charged the current Fairgrounds camping rates unless other arrangements have been made. Call the Fairgrounds Office at 406-582-3270 for reservations and camping rates. Fees are to be paid at Fair Office or to designated Fair Staff. A camping receipt will be issued upon payment of fees. This receipt must be displayed at the campsite. Showers are available throughout the Fair.
5. **4-H/FFA ENTRIES:** Entry in the 4-H/FFA Division is limited to youth 19 and under and who have not yet graduated from High School or who have graduated the spring before the current Fair. Those participating must be currently enrolled in either Gallatin County 4H or a Gallatin County FFA Chapter. Participants must comply with rules as stated in the Competitors' Handbook.
6. **EXHIBIT & ANIMAL ARRIVAL AND RELEASE TIMES:** Please check specific Departments for entry arrival and departure times. **All animals and exhibits must stay for the full duration as scheduled** unless otherwise approved by Fair Management. Any exhibitor removing his animal or exhibit early may forfeit the right to exhibit at this Fair the following year(s).
7. **WEAPONS. The carrying or possession of a weapon in or on the Gallatin County Fairgrounds during the County Fair is prohibited unless authorized by the Fair Board. Carrying or possessing "toy" weapons is also prohibited during the County Fair.**

B. COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS

1. **BOOTH ARRANGEMENT - SETUP - LIST OF PRODUCTS:** Indoor booths measure approximately 10' wide X 10' deep and consist of side drapes approximately 3' high and a back drape 8' high. Side display panels in excess of the height of the booth side panels may not be installed more than 3' from the back wall of the booth. No inside exhibit or display may be so high along the front or sides of the booth as to hide the adjoining exhibit from the view of visitors passing along the aisles. Most outside exhibit space is sold by the front foot, with the depth of the area being approximately 30 feet. All Exhibitors must keep all products and equipment within the line limits of their booth. This includes tent stakes and ropes. All items and/or services offered for sale in every booth **MUST** be listed on the Application. Those not listed may not be sold. **WEAPONS OF ANY KIND MAY NOT BE SOLD AT THE FAIR. This includes dirk, dagger, pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun, firearm, slingshot, sword cane, billy, knuckles made of any metal or hard substance, knife having a blade 4 inches long or longer, razor, not including safety razors, other deadly weapon or destructive device or any "toy" that simulates any of the above. If the exhibitor has questions about any of the items s/he may have for sale they should check before completing the Commercial Lease Application.**
2. **SPACE CANCELLATION:** The Gallatin County Fair Board reserves the right to cancel the exhibit lease for any cause whatsoever at any time before or after Commercial Exhibitor has commenced operations **and return all payments.** The Commercial Exhibitor reserves the right to cancel the lease for any cause up to the commencement of operations under the lease and agrees to forfeit all payments made to that point. If for any reason the Gallatin County Fair Board is unable to continue its operation for the time stated, the Gallatin County Fair Board shall not be liable to the Commercial Exhibitor for any claims, demands or damage except to refund to Commercial Exhibitor a pro rata share of the amount of rent based on the number of days of operation prior to the time said operation discontinues.
3. **LICENSES - PERMITS:** All Commercial Exhibitors are required to enter into a lease and agree to comply with all its terms and conditions. Once Fair Management has accepted the application, Exhibitor must supply Fair with proof of City, County, and State licenses or permits that are required for their operation, this includes but is not limited to Food Purveyors' License issued by Gallatin County or the State of Montana.

4. **CARE AND REPAIR OF PREMISES:** The space used by the Commercial Exhibitor must be returned to the condition it was in prior to the Exhibitor's use. This includes, but is not limited to the filling & repairing of all tent stake holes with a suitable asphalt or tar repair substance where applicable. Tent stake holes in dirt must also be filled in with dirt.
5. **USE OF AMPLIFYING DEVICES:** Amplifying devices or other sound producing equipment must be kept at a low volume so as not to interfere with other Exhibitors.
6. **REJECTION OF EXHIBITS:** The Fair Board reserves the right to reject any exhibit or display that the Board feels is not in the best interest of the Fair.
7. **ANIMALS IN DISPLAYS:** No animals allowed in displays unless approved by Fair Management.
8. **PRODUCT/FOOD DELIVERIES:** All product/food deliveries must be made prior to 9am and special arrangements need to be made with the Fair Office as all gates will be locked at 10pm on the night preceding the Opening of the Fair and will not be opened until 5pm on the last day of the Fair. Vehicles are allowed only in the Parking Lots.
9. **DRAWINGS - GIVE-A-WAYS - RAFFLES:** Any drawing or give-a-way programs conducted by Commercial Exhibitors must be registered with the Gallatin County Fair Office, showing in writing, the articles(s) to be given. All drawings are subject to Fair Management approval. Daily drawings for these items may be scheduled to increase traffic in commercial booth areas. All Commercial Exhibitors are encouraged to participate in these daily and/or end of show drawings. Names of all daily and end of show drawing winners must be submitted to the Fair Office, upon completion of drawing.
10. **EXHIBITOR RECOGNITION:** Recognition will be given for best displays in each of the following categories: 1) Indoor Commercial, 2) Outdoor Commercial, 3) Educational/Community Service. Taken into consideration will be creativity, activity, decorations and theme usage. **The THEME for the 2010 Gallatin County Fair is "WAGON WHEELS TO FERRIS WHEELS!"** **The Official Fair Flower is the ROSE.** We encourage our Exhibitors to incorporate the theme and the flower when designing their exhibit space.
11. **PARKING OF TRAILERS & TRUCKS:** Commercial Exhibitors with trucks and trailers should check with the Fairgrounds Office for available trailer parking at check in time.

C. LIVESTOCK DIVISION

1. **ANIMAL CARE:** The Fair Board requires that animals be handled in a proper and ethical manner in accordance with accepted modern animal husbandry and scientific practices. In addition, adequate care including watering, feeding and comfort should be appropriately provided to all animals. Any individual treating an animal in any other manner will be dismissed from the grounds. Exhibitors, their parents, leaders and instructors have a serious responsibility to follow animal health practices that are approved by the industry and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to assure that meat customers are receiving wholesome food. Health aids and other approved products should be used with care, according to prescribed practices, only when needed and in the correct amounts. **Anyone judged to be cruel to animals will be dismissed from the grounds.**
2. **PARKING OF TRAILERS & TRUCKS:** Livestock and horse exhibitors having trucks, trailers and cars that will not be in general use during the week of the Fair ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO REMOVE THEM FROM THE FAIRGROUNDS. Limited livestock & horse trailer parking will be located in the West Annex area of the Fairgrounds (accessed through the West Oak Gate). 4-H Clubs are limited to two trailers on the grounds per club.
3. **SIGNAGE:** Livestock exhibitors may put signs up over their display on the wall or freestanding signs will be allowed, providing they do not extend into the aisle or into another exhibit. **No electrical signs will be allowed in the barns.** Please remove tacks, tape, and nails before leaving.
4. Any animal that dies on the grounds must be taken immediately to Montana State University for necropsy.
5. **CATTLE:** All bulls must be handled with a nose lead. All cattle must be tied with halter and neck rope in and out of the barns.
6. **DESIGNATED LIVESTOCK & HORSE AREAS:** Livestock and horses are allowed only in the barn and arena areas.
7. **ANIMAL HEALTH, BRAND & IMPORT REGULATIONS:** ALL animal owners/exhibitors are required to familiarize themselves with all rules and regulations governing health, brand, and import regulations. All out-of-state animals must be accompanied by a Veterinary Inspection Certificate (current within 30 days), and an Import Permit that can be obtained by the Veterinarian issuing the VIC within 10 days prior to entry into Montana by calling 1-406-444-2976. All out-of-state horses must also be accompanied by a negative Equine Infectious Anemia test (Coggins), current within 12 months. All animals coming into Montana from a Brand Inspection area and animals coming into Gallatin County from within the State, must have a current Brand Inspection. Animals that develop a disease condition while on the Fairgrounds are to be handled in accordance with the directive of the attending veterinarian.
8. **DRUG TESTING:** The Gallatin County Fair Board reserves the right to have any animals entered in the Fair tested for drugs. Any animal found with drugs will be disqualified and premiums withheld. Any drugs being used for medical purposes must be registered with Fair veterinarian prior to show.
9. **EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS:** The County Fair is an educational event and as such encourages all livestock exhibitors to set up educational displays, demonstrations and activities. Recognition will be given to the best livestock educational display, the best livestock educational demonstration and the best livestock "hands on" activity. To have your demonstration or activity placed on the schedule of events, call the Fair Office.